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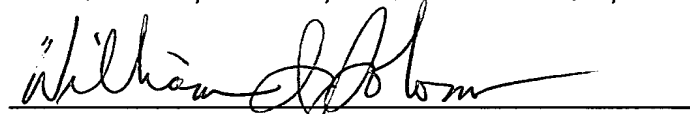
Applicants have amended their original claims to delete multiple dependency; in light thereof, Applicants are adding new claims 18-39 to the application. Claims 18-39 recite subject matter expressly set forth in claims 5-14, but have dependencies different from those set forth in presently amended claims 5-14. Applicants have amended claims 1-4 to present these claims in better form for examination.

Entry of the present amendments, prior to calculation of the filing fee; and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 396.43215X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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